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"Islands, Castles & Portable Operations"
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21/10/2011: Gert, ZS6AYU and Hannes, ZS6BZP will be active from the Hawane Resort (WW Loc. KG53MS), near Mbabane, Kingdom of Swaziland, over the weekend 21-24 October, 2011. The same callsigns have been requested as for the November 2010 expedition. QRV 40-10 metres. Gert will be on CW only, as 3DA0GF while Hannes will operate on SSB as 3DA0HC. QSL 3DA0GF via ZS6AYU, direct or via the SARL QSL Bureau. QSL 3DA0HC via ZS6BZP, direct only. [NG3K]

21/10/2011: Holyland DX Group members Mark 4Z4KX, Ros 4Z5LA, Yulik 4X6HP, Reuven 4Z5FI, Art 4X4DZ and Jan 4X1VF will be active as 4X5A from Akhziv Island (IOTA AS-100, MIA MIR-001, WFF 4XFF-001, Holy land square H03AK, WW Loc. KM73MA) between Friday October 21 0700 UTC and Saturday October 22 2011 1200 UTC. Activity will be on 40-10 metre CW and SSB. They will run two stations on the air with verticals. QSL via 4Z5LA. Website: www.4x6hp.net/hdxg/index.php?page=4x5a-2011 [NG3K]

21/10/2011: Special event station 8J1ING is currently active until 31 March 2012 to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Inagi-city (JCC 1026). On November 1, 1971, Inagi Town was reclassified as Inagi City, dissolving Minamitama District. Inagi-city is located in Tokyo prefecture, Kanto region, island of Honshu (AS-007, WLOTA 2376), Japan. QSL via the JARL bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

21/10/2011: To celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Incorporated School Denpa Gakuen (ex Nagoya Kogakuin Senmon Gakko, or Nagoya Kogakuin College), special event stations 8J2NDP and 8J2NKC are currently active until 30 September 2012. The Educational Foundation Denpa Gakuen is located in Nagoya-city (JCC 2001), Aichi prefecture, Chubu region, island of Honshu (AS-007, WLOTA 2376), Japan. It is also part of the Aichi University of Technology. QSL via the JARL bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

21/10/2011: Special event station 8J6BAL will be active until 6 November 2011 to celebrate the 2011 Saga International Balloon Fiesta. This is an Asian maximum grade Hot Air Balloon International Festival at Kase Riversite, Saga-city (JCC 4101, JCG 41004), Saga prefecture, Kyushu region, island of Kyushu (IOTA AS-077, WLOTA 0963), Japan. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

21/10/2011: David, BA4DW, will be active as BA4DW/7 from Weizhou Island [Weizhou Dao] (IOTA AS-139, WLOTA 0088) from 21-24 October, 2011. His equipment will be a TS-50 and wire dipole antennas. QSL direct to his home call (QRZ.com). [OPDX Bulletin]

21/10/2011: After last year's successful expedition to Banjul, The Gambia, during which the Czecho-Slovak team participated in the CQWW CW contest to gain the world trophy in the Multi-Multi category, Richard OK8WW/OM2TW and Jiri OK1RI organize another contest DXpedition to this country. A group of 12 ops from OK and OM will operate under the callsign C50C from 21 October until 1 November and from 20 November until 29 November, 2011. Their main aim is to participate in both parts of the CQWW Contest (SSB and CW) under the callsign C5A. Plans are to be QRV on the HF bands 160-10m. Operators will be: Richard OK8WW/OM2TW, Jiri

OK1RI, Joe OM5AW, Jiri OK1DO, Norbert OM6NM, Jan OM2IB, Lada OK1DIX, Petr OK1FFU, Zdenek OK1DSZ, Vlada OK1NU, David OK1RK and Vitek OK5MM. QSL via Brani OM2FY, direct or bureau. Website: www.om0c.com/ [dx-world.net]

21/10/2011: Andre, F5UKL, plans to be homecall/p from Col du Pourtalet (WFF FFF-291, WW Loc. IN92ST) on 21 October 2011. QRG: 7.028 CW, 10.124 CW, 14.044 CW, 18.086 CW, 21.044 CW, 24.906 CW, 28.044 CW, 14.144-SSB (+/- QRM). Andre will be using IC-706 - 100w - Buddipole. QSL via home call, bureau or direct. [F5UKL]

21/10/2011: Following the successful activation of Hilbre Island (IOTA EU-120, WLOTA 2038) in May this year, Kev M0TNX and Martin M3POG have been granted another permit to operate from the island. Hilbre Island lies 2 miles off The Wirral Peninsula, and has been used over the centuries as a Monastery, a Gentleman's Club, and a decoy in the war to fool aircraft to drop bombs in a safer place! Martin and Kev hope to be on air from Friday, 21st October (evening) to 23rd Sunday (morning). Bands will be 160-10 conditions and weather allowing. With this activation taking place in Autumn, a special emphasis is being placed on the lower bands, with 160 and 80 being run on alternate sunrise and sunset. In May, the duo completed over 1500 contacts, and they hope to be busy this time as Hilbre has never been activated on 160M. This operation will try and run solidly through the night, with a mix of SSB, CW and RTTY. QSL is via Charles, M0OXO who has kindly offered to be the manager once again. There will also be a twice daily upload to LoTW and E-QSL, as long as an internet connection can be made. Website: http://www.gb2hi.co.uk/wordpress/ [dx-world.net]

21/10/2011: Chris, GM3WOJ/GM2V will be active as ZK2V from Namukulu, Niue Island (IOTA OC-040, WLOTA 2139, WFF ZLFF-021, WW Loc. AH50BW), starting about 21st October 2011 and onward for about 8 to 10 weeks. Keith, GM4YXI/GM5X, will join him for 2 weeks during the DXpedition and will be active in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (29-30 October) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry, using the callsign ZK2X. ZK2V will be making an extra effort on the low bands, with special antennas to overcome the local QRN problems on 160m and 80m which made these bands difficult in 2009. QSL via N3SL. Website: www.zk2v.com/ [NG3K]

21/10/2011: Operators Franz OE2SNL, Wolfgang OE2WNL and Tom OE2ATN will be active as ZF2OE from the Sundial Cove Villa, Cayman Brac Island (IOTA NA-016, WLOTA 0667), between 21 October and 2 November, 2011. QRV on 160-10m CW, RTTY and SSB, with focus on 160m and 80m. They will have no PAs with them - so just about 150W in CW and RTTY out of our TS-480's. Information on frequencies and times can be found on their homepage (www.zf2oe.net/) before the trip. Even during our stay we will post current frequencies, if the internet-connection is available and stable. QSL via OE2WNL, bureau preferred. [dx-world.net]

22/10/2011: Seb, F8IJV, will be active from the Le Calao resort (WW Loc. IK14LL), Senegal, between 22 October and 11 November 2011, using the callsign 6V7Q. Main activity will be done in SSB, with maybe a little digital and CW too, from 160m to 6m. This time an Acom 1011 amplifier will be used (around 700W). Seb will also participate in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (29-30 October). QSL's to be sent via his home call F8IJV. All QSLs received via direct or via bureau will be answered. Also LoTW will be used. [NG3K]

22/10/2011: Members of the Lufthansa Amateur Radio Club (LARC) in cooperation with the Qatar Amateur Radio Society (QARS - A71A) will once agin be active as A71DLH from Doha, Qatar, between 22-29th October, 2011. QRV on all bands using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. Operators for this year's operation are Mustapha DL1BDF, Wolfgang DK2DO, Bernd DL2NTC, Michael DB4XN, Michael DF4HR and Sven/DG3HT. They will send their QSLs via the DARC bureau or QSL via their

manager DL0LH. Online log will be available at: www.dl0lh.de/ [OPDX Bulletin]

22/10/2011: Operators Suleiman 7Z1SJ, Hamad 9K2HN, Faisal 9K2RR, Farid A41MX, Ibrahim A61ZX, Rashid A71AD, Ali A71BX, Alwan A71CO, Abdulla A71CV, Mohammad A71EL, Toby DH1TW, David K5GN and Don N1DG will operate Field Day style as A73A, from the beach near Doha, Qatar, from 22-31 October, 2011. This activity will also include a Multi-Op/Multi-TX entry in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (29-30 October). QRV 160-10 meters. QSL via EA7FTR. [NG3K]

22/10/2011: Thomas, DK3DUA, will be active as homecall/p from the Nature Park Insel Usedom (WFF DLFF-075), located on Usedom Island (IOTA EU-129, GIA O-13, WLOTA 1640), from 22-29 October, 2011. QRV on the HF bands, propagation permitting, using CW. QSL to home call, direct or bureau. [DK3DUA]

22/10/2011: Members of the Teide DX Group will be active as EG8FBN from the lighthouse Buenavista del Norte lighthouse (FEA D-2833, ARLHS CAI-004, WLOTA 1276, WW Loc. IL18OJ), Tenerife (IOTA AF-004, DIE S-012) on 22-23 October, 2011. They will operate SSB, CW and digital modes on the HF, VHF and UHF bands. All of the QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau; direct cards should be sent to EA8NQ. Further information can be found at: www.ea8ay.com/EG8FBN/ [425 DX News]

22/10/2011: Look for Francois, F5JNE/p to be active on 22 October 2011 from the Tower Margot DFCF 210115), located in the commune of Semur en Auxois (CP), canton [county] of Semur en Auxois (DDCF 21-33), Department Cote d'Or/21 and Province Burgundy (DPF 05). QRV on 80 and 40 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [radioamateur.org]

22/10/2011: Lionel, F5NEP, will be portable on 22 October 2011 from the Castle d'Osmont (DDCF 61-064), and the Mill Foulon (DMF 61-012), located in the commune of Aubry-le-Panthou (CP 61120), canton [county] of Vimoutiers (DDCF 61-36), Department Orne/61 and Province Basse Normandie (DPF 04). QRV 80-20 metres. QSL via home call, bureau or direct. [radioamateur.org]

22/10/2011: Alain, F6CUG, will be signing portable on 22 October 2011 from the Castle Bressey sur Tille (DFCF 21-114), located in the commune of Bressey sur Tille (CP 21560), canton [county] of Dijon-2 (DDCF 21-10), Department Cote d'Or/21 and Province Burgundy (DPF 05). QRV on 80 and 40 metres. QSL via home call, bureau or direct. [radioamateur.org]

22/10/2011: Laurent, F8FSC, will be homecall/p on 22 October 2011 from the Mill Antides (DMF 39-064), located in the commune of St. Amour (CP 39160), canton [county] of St. Amour (DDCF 39-25), Department Jura/39 and Province Franche-Comte (DPF 10). Michel, F8GGZ, will do the logging. QRV on the HF bands, propagation permitting. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [radioamateur.org]

22/10/2011: Rick, AI5P will operate holiday-style as HR9/AI5P from Roatan Island (IOTA NA-057, WLOTA 1671), Honduras, from 22 October to 5 November, 2011. QSL via home call. [425 DX News]

22/10/2011: Look for Ralph, KC9LBO/p and friends to be active in the W/VE Islands QSO Party (22-23 October) from St. Feriole Island (USi WI048), Mississippi River, Crawford county, State of Wisconsin. QRV on or near the usual island and IOTA frequencies. QSL via home calls. [USi]

22/10/2011: Andrew, RN1CW and Vlad, UA1CIO will be active as RZ1CWC/M on the 22 October 2011 from Mikhaylovskiy Castle (WCA UA-00011, COTA-RU C-111, RDA SP-20). Plans are to be QRV on 20 and 40 metre CW/SSB from 0400 till 0900 UTC. QSL via RN1CW, bureau or direct, LOG will be uploaded to WCA E-Log. [RN1CW]

22/10/2011: The Boeing Amateur Radio Club, W7FLY, will be active on 22 October 2011 for the W/VE Islands QSO Party (22-23 October) from Camano Island (IOTA NA-065, USi WA003S, WLOTA 2728), Island county, State of Washington. QSL via Joe, WA7JT. [USi]

23/10/2011: David, N6HD, will be active as 4X/N6HD from Israel between 23 October and 3 November, 2011. QRV on 160-10 metre CW and SSB. QSL via his home call or LoTW. [OPDX Bulletin]

23/10/2011: Lionel, F5NEP/p, will activate the Castle of Valnay (DFCF 91-051) and the Tower Chappe d'Etampes TC91ET on 23 October 2011. Both references are located in the commune of Etampes (CP 91150), canton of Etampes (DDCF 91-08), Department Essonne/91 and Province Ile-de-France (DPF 21). QRV 80-20m. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [radioamateur.org]

23/10/2011: Martin, ON4PO, will once again be active from the island of Rhodes (IOTA EU-001, GIOTA DKS-006, MIA MGD-028) as J45PO between 23 October and 03 November 2011. QRV on all HF bands, propagation permitting. QSL via home call, bureau or direct. [NG3K]

23/10/2011: Masa, JA1OZK, will be active as KH2KY from GMF Barrigada, island of Guam (IOTA OC-026, USi GU003S, WFF KFF-110, WLOTA 0064) from 23-29 October 2011. He will be active on all HF bands. QSL via home call. [NG3K]

23/10/2011: Members of the Dutch DX-pedition & contestgroup PA6Z are planning a DXpedition from 23 till 30 October 2011 to the isle of Guernsey (IOTA EU-114, WLOTA 0013), using the callsign MU/PA9M. They will be active from 160-6 metre CW and SSB. The team will stay at Les Maingys the Headquarters of the Bailiwick of Guernsey Scout Association (WW Loc. IN89RL). The DXpedition will operate 24 hours a day from a maximum 7 individual stations, as band conditions permit. During the operation, the CQWW DX SSB Contest takes place (29-30 October). The team will participate in the contest on all bands, as a Multi-Multi entry. Operators include Marcel PA9M, Frank PA4N, Jelmer PA5R, Dervin PD9DX, Arbo PH0AS, Arend PA2AWU and Dick PA4VHF. QSL via PA9M, direct or bureau. No e-QSL! Further info on their website at: www.pa6z.nl/guernsey2011/ [NG3K]

23/10/2011: The members of Radio Club Binche (ON7RY) will be activate as ON7RY/p on 23 October 2011 from the Castle Bivort (WCA ON-00464, BCA HT-107), located in Fontaine l'Eveque, Belgium. QRV on 40 and 20 metre SSB from 0600-1000 UTC. QSL via the bureau. Further information at: www.on7ry.be/ [RN1CW]

23/10/2011: Special Event Station TM95BV for the 95th Anniversary of the Battle of Verdun will be active on 23 October 2011 from the Fort of Souville (DFCF 55-010), Department Meuse/55 and Province Lorraine (DPF 14). QRV on the HF bands, starting about 0900 local time. QSL via F6KUP, or direct to F5LPY with SAE/SASE + postage. Website:www.qrz.com/db/TM95BV [radioamateur.org]

24/10/2011: Olivier, ON4EI, will once again be active from Ireland (IOTA EU-115, WLOTA 2484) near Fethard (IO62EL), on top of Benneshill (170m asl), Co Tipperary, with his Irish callsign EI8GQB from 24-31 October, 2011. This will include a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry, CQ Zone 14, in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (29-30 October). Activity will be SO2R operation with 5 portable antennas. QSL via ON4EI, bureau preferred. Website: www.qrz.com/db/EI8GQB [NG3K]

25/10/2011: Eddie, VK4AN (3D2A); Bill, VK4FW (3D2T) and possibly others will be active from Nadi Bay, Viti Levu Island (IOTA OC-016, WLOTA 0055), Fiji, between 25th October and 8th November 2011. This will include an entry in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (29-30 October). They will then join the C21AA Nauru DXpedition team on the 10th of November. QSL 3D2A via VK4AN and 3D2T via VK4FW, direct or bureau. [VK4FW]

25/10/2011: Andy UA3AB (A52AB), Ralph K0IR (A52IR), Paul W8AEF (A52PP), Pat W0BM (A52PC) and Glenn W0GJ (A51B), along with their wives, will be in Thimphu, Bhutan, between 25 October and 1 November 2011. In the CQWW DX SSB Contest (29-30 October) look for A52IR on 75m, A52PC on 40m, A52PP on 20M, A52AB on 15m and A51B on 10m. They will be on other bands/modes outside of the contest. QSL to home calls. [W0GJ / A51B]

25/10/2011: Eric, KV1J, and Jack, KV1E, will once again be active as FP/homecalls from the island of Miquelon (IOTA NA-032, DIFO FP-002, WLOTA 1417, Grid Loc. GN17) between 25th October and 1st November 2011. Plans are to be QRV on 160-10 metre SSB, CW, RTTY and PSK31. Primarily SSB and RTTY generally on the highest frequency band open. He will try 6 metres if there are indications of openings. Eric will also be active on the AO-51 Satellite (and other FM sats) weather permitting and if 2m/70cm mode. He will also participate in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (29-30 October) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power (500 Watts) entry. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW and eQSL one week after he arrives home. Further information at: www.kv1j.com/fp/october11.html [NG3K]

25/10/2011: Mek, SP7VC, will be active as HB0/SP7VC on 25-31 October 2011 from Liechtenstein. Bands: 160-10m plus WARC SSB, 6m if open - also active in CQWW DX SSB Contest (29-30 October). Equipment will consisted of: IC-746, HEX Beam, R-7 vertical, INV-L 160 and 80m, 3el yagi for 50Mhz, ALPHA 76A, PA 6m. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW. [NG3K]

25/10/2011: John, KK9A, will once again be active as P40A from Iguana Villa, Malmok, island of Aruba (IOTA SA-036, WLOTA 0033, CQ Zone 09) from 25-30 October 2011, including a Single-Op/All-Band entry in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (29-30 October). Outside the contest, John will be QRV on all HF bands CW and SSB. QSL via WD9DZV. Website: www.qrz.com/p40a/ [NG3K]

25/10/2011: Jan DJ8NK, Paul F6EXV, Kan JA1BK and Rich K2WR will be active from the island of Sint Maarten (IOTA NA-105, WLOTA 0711) between 25th October and 8th November 2011. Callsigns will be PJ7J (QSL via JA1BK) for 80 metres, PJ7NK (QSL via DJ8NK) for the digimodes and PJ7X (QSL via F6EXV) for all other modes. Further information, plus on-line log, can be found at: www.pj7-2011.org/

25/10/2011: Stefan, DK1MM, will be active from Paramaribo, Suriname, as PZ5MM between 25 October and 1 November, 2011. This will include a Single-Op/All-Band (CQ Zone 9) entry in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (29-30 October). QSL via home call, direct or bureau. Website: www.dk1mm.com/ [NG3K]

25/10/2011: Rudi, DK7PE, will be active as TL0CW from Bangui (Grid Loc. JJ94), Ombella-M'Poko prefecture, Central African Republic, on a one-man DXpedition between 26 October and 3 November, 2011. Activity will have an emphasis on 160/80 metre CW. QSL via DK7PE either direct or via bureau. Further information and updates at: www.rooody.de/ [OPDX Bulletin]

25/10/2011: Andy, LZ2HM, and a team of others will be active as ZA/LZ2HM from south of Vlore (WW Loc. JN90RI), Albania, between 25 October and 1 November, 2011. Plans are to be QRV 160m-2m, all modes. They will also participate in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (29-30 October) as ZA3WW; category to be decided. QSL both callsigns via LZ2HM, direct only. [NG3K]

25/10/2011: A team consisting of Steve HA0DU, Imi HA0MK, Joe HA0LC, Fatos ZA1G and Laci HA0NAR will operate from Vlor?, located in Vlor? County, Albania, between 25 October and 1 November, 2011 as ZA20QA (ZA twenty QA) on 160-2 metre CW, SSB and RTTY. They will also participate in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (29-30 October). This activity is in memoriam of the legendary ZA1QA (in 1991). QSL via HA0NAR, direct or bureau. Website: www.qrz.com/db/ZA20QA [dx-world.net]

26/10/2011: Look for Yoshi, JK2VOC and Takashi, JA2BNN to be active as DL/homecalls, on the HF bands, while they visit Germany between 26 October and 1 Novermber, 2011. They will also participate in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 29-30th). QSL via their home calls, direct or bureau. Website: www5.ocn.ne.jp/~jk2voc/ [NG3K]

26/10/2011: Peter, HA5OV (J48OV) and Laci, YU7CM (J48CM) will be active from the island of Thasos (IOTA EU-174, GIOTA NAS-037, MIA MG-124, WLOTA 4186) between 26 October and 2 November, 2011. This will also include Single-Op/Single-Band entries in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 29-30th), with J48OV on 40 metres and J48CM on 80 metres. On 1-2 November they will work in the HA QRP (80m, CW only) contest. QSLs via home calls. [HA0HW]

26/10/2011: Robert, W5AJ, will once again be active from the island of Aruba (IOTA SA-036, WLOTA 0033) as P40P starting 26th October, through the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 29-30th). In the contest, he will be a Single-Op/All-Band entry. Outside of the contest, activity will be on 30/17/12 metre bands using RTTY. QSL via LoTW or direct to W5AJ. [OPDX Bulletin]

27/10/2011: Zoli, HA5PP, will be active from the island of Cyprus (IOTA AS-004, MIA MCI-002, WLOTA 0051) from approx. 27-31 October 2011. QRV all HF bands and 6 metres, including a Single-Op/All-Band entry in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (29-30 October). QSL via home call. [NG3K]

27/10/2011: Rich, N0HJZ, will be operating as C6ARW from Grand Bahama Island [Freeport] (IOTA NA-080, WLOTA 0527) from 27-31 October, 2011. He will also participate as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (29-30 October). Activity outside the contest will be on 160-10m (no WARC bands) on CW and SSB. QSL via home call, direct only. [dx-world.net]

27/10/2011: Hisashi, JF2SKV, will be active as NH0S from the island of Saipan (IOTA OC-086, USi NI002S, WLOTA 1333, WW Loc. QK25VG), Northern Mariana Islands (CQ Zone 27) from 27-31 October, 2011. This will include a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (29-30 October). QSL via JF2SKV, direct or by the JARL bureau. Website: www.myhamshack.com/NH0S/ [NG3K]

27/10/2011: Wim, OS1T (ON4CIT), plans to be active as PJ4J from Kralendijk, island of Bonaire (IOTA SA-006, WFF PAFF-024, WLOTA 1279) between 27 October and 9 November, 2011. Focus will be on RTTY, SSB, WARC bands, but other bands also, depending on the propagation. Equipment will consist of IC-7000, expert 1K-FA, microham microkeyer2, G3TXQ Hexbeam, verticals for30/40m. QSL via ON4CIT, direct or bureau. QSL via OQRS: via clublog. LoTW and eQSL will be uploaded a few months after the expedition. Website: www.dxpedition.be/pj4j.html [dx-world.net]

27/10/2011: Look for DXpedition callsign TU2T to be active from Azuretti, Grand-Bassam, Region du Sud-Comoe, Ivory Coast (WW Loc. IJ85CE), between 27 October and 11 November, 2011. QRV on 160-6 metres, using all modes as possible. Pilot station will be Art, IK7JWY. Operators include Alfeo I1HJT, Silvano I2YSB, Vinicio IK2CIO, Angelo IK2CKR, Marcello IK2DIA, Stefano IK2HKT and Gino IK2RZP. A real time online log will be available during the DXpedition. QSL via direct to I2YSB, QSL via the bureau to IK2CIO. Full information, updates and online forum can be found on their website at: www.i2ysb.com/ [dx-world.net]

28/10/2011: Oku, JK1KSB, will once again be active as 8Q7SO from Mirihi Island Resort (AS-013, WW Loc. MJ63JA), South Ari Atoll (WLOTA 0317), Republic of the Maldives, between 28 October and 4 November, 2011. QRV holiday style on 80-10 metre CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. Website: www.qrz.com/db/8Q7SO [OPDX Bulletin]

28/10/2011: Jean-Claude F5IL, Juan F5IRC, Luis F5THW, Christophe F5UBH and Samuel F5UPO will be active as TM5HT from Houat Island (IOTA EU-048, DIFM AT-016, WLOTA 1105) on 28-30 October, 2011. They plan to operate CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31 on 80-10 metres. QSL via F5THW, direct or bureau. [425 DX News]

28/10/2011: Les, N1SV, will once again be active as VP9/N1SV from Hamilton Parish, Bermuda Island (IOTA NA-005) from 28-31 October 2011. QSL via his home callsign. With lessons learned from last year, this year during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 29-30th) he will sign VP9I. QSL via N1HRA. [OPDX Bulletin]

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LOOKING AHEAD -

29/10/2011: Gia, 4L4WW, will be active from Obcha, Georgia, as 4L0A in the CQWW SSB Contest (29-30 October), as a Single-Op/Single-Band (40m)/High-Power entry from CQ Zone 21. QSL via LoTW. [NG3K]

29/10/2011: Look for Vadim, R9DX, to be active as 8Q7DV from Sun Island, South Ari Atoll (IOTA AS-013, WLOTA 0317), Republic of Maldives (CQ Zone 22) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry in the CQWW DX SSB Contest. QRV with Elecraft K3, Acom 2000, vertical antennas from 160 through 6m. He will try to activate 6m from 8Q7 outside of the contest. QSL via UA9CLB (R9DX). [NG3K]

29/10/2011: Operators Kuni W1FPU, Moto W1NDE, Hiro KW2X, Paul W3FO, John NA8O and others will be active as AH0BT, a Multi-2 entry in the CQWW DX SSB Contest from Chalan Kanoa, Saipan Island (IOTA OC-086, USi NI002S, WLOTA 1333), Mariana Islands (CQ Zone 27). QSL via 7L1FPU, bureau or direct. [NG3K]

29/10/2011: Operators Masaki JO1DFG, Aki JI3ERV, Kou JH7QXJ, Toshi JR7OMD and Miyazawa JP7DKQ will be active from the island of Guam (IOTA OC-026, USi GU003S, WFF KFF-110, WLOTA 0064) as AH2R for the CQWW DX SSB Contest. Plans are for a Multi-Single entry from CQ Zone 27. QSL via JH7QXJ. [NG3K]

29/10/2011: Ben, DL8UI, will take part together with the contest crew of BY3CQ from TianJin, China (CQ Zone 24) in the CQWW DX SSB Contest under the call sign B3C, as a Multi-? entry. QSL via BA4EG. [NG3K]

29/10/2011: Operators Matt IK2SGC, Stefano IK2QEI, Mau IV3ZXQ, Flavio IV3TMV, Tine S50A, Andy YO3JR, Said CN8WW and Ahmed CN8WK will be active as CN3A from Safi, Morocco (CQ Zone 33) as a Multi-Single entry in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (29-30 October). QSL direct to IV3ZXQ or LoTW. [NG3K]

29/10/2011: The Jersey Contest Group will be active in the CQWW DX SSB Contest as GJ2A from La Moye Signal Station, St. Brelade, Isle of Jersey (IOTA EU-013, WLOTA 0818, WW Loc. IN89VE). Plans are for a Multi-Single entry from CQ Zone 14. QSL via LoTW. QSL also OK via GJ3DVC (direct). [NG3K]

29/10/2011: Look for Freddy, J25RO, to be active in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (29-30 October) from the Republic of Djibouti (CQ Zone 37). No entry category was given. QSL via F8DFP, bureau or direct. Website: j28ro.blogspot.com/ [NG3K]

29/10/2011: Philippe, LX2A, will be active from Eschdorf, Luxembourg, as LX7I in the CQWW DX SSB Contest as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via LX2A. [NG3K]

29/10/2011: Tomi, OH6EI, will be active as OH0Z from the Aland Islands (IOTA EU-002, WFF OHFF-037, WLOTA 1373) for the CQWW DX SSB Contest (29-30 October), as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via W0MM. [NG3K]

29/10/2011: The group ON5HY will be active on the 29th of October 2011 from the Castle Havre (WCA ON-00102, BCA HT-041). They plan to work on 40 and 20 metre CW/SSB and 2 metres (local stations). QSL via bureau or direct (SASE) to ON5HY. [ON4KEP]

29/10/2011: Las Villas Contest Team operators Carlos CO6CAC, Jose CO6EC, Orelvis CO6LC, Luis CO6LP, Yordany CO6YAC and Edor CO7PH will once again be active as T46A during the CQWW DX SSB Contest as a Multi-? entry from Santa Clara, Cuba (IOTA NA-015, WLOTA 0032, CQ Zone 8). QSL via CO6LP. [NG3K]

29/10/2011: Igor, VE3ZF, will be active in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (29-30 October) as VE2IDX from Rivi?re-au-Tonnerre, C?te-Nord region, Quebec (CQ Zone 2). Plans are for a Single-Op/Single-Band (40m) entry. QSL via home call. [VE3ZF]

29/10/2011: Yuri, VE3DZ, will once again be active as VE2IM from Sept-?les (WW Loc. FO60TE), C?te-Nord region, Quebec (CQ Zone 2) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry in the CQWW DX SSB Contest. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

01/11/2011: Special event station 8J1SIT5O will be active from 1-20 November 2011 for the 47th Shoryosai, the Annual School Festival of Shonan Institute of Technology (The 50th anniversary of the incorporated school). The Shonan Institute of Technology is located in Fujisawa-city (JCC 1106), Kanagawa prefecture, Kanto region, Island of Honshu (AS-007, WLOTA 2376), Japan. QSL via the JARL bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

18/11/2011: Team Vertical members Gene KB7Q, Fred KE7X, Walt N6XG, Jeff N6XR, Mike WA6O (C6AAW), Kenny K2KW to be active on all bands from North Palmetto Point, Eleuthera Island (IOTA NA-100), Bahamas, from 18-28 November, 2011. They will sign C6A with their personal callsign. They will also participate in the CQWW DX CW Contest (26-27 November) as a Multi-Multi entry, using the callsign C6AAW. QSL via WA4WTG. [NG3K]

26/11/2011: Operators Vadim R9DX, Igor UA9CDC, Vitaly RN4WA, Igor RA9CMO and Serge UA9CGA will be active as 8Q7DV from Sun Island, South Ari Atoll (IOTA AS-013, WLOTA 0317), Republic of Maldives (CQ Zone 22) as a Multi-Op/Single-Transmitter entry in the CQ WW DX CW Contest (26-27 November). They will concentrate on 160 and 80m outside of the contest. Also plans to be active on the WARC bands and 6 metres. QSL via UA9CLB (R9DX). Website: radio-8q7dv.narod.ru/ [NG3K]

26/11/2011: Look for Hiro, JJ5GMJ, to be a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power (Assisted) entry in the CQWW DX CW Contest (26-27 November) as DU1/JJ5GMJ from Palawan Island (IOTA OC-128, WLOTA 1612), Philippines (CQ Zone 27). QSL vis LoTW. QSL also OK via JH5RXS (direct only). [NG3K]

26/11/2011: Nodir, EY8MM, will be active in the CQWW DX CW Contest (26-27 November) as a Single-Op/Single-Band from Dushanbe, Tajikistan (CQ Zone 17). QSL via K1BV. Website: www.ey8mm.com/ [NG3K]

26/11/2011: Rene, HP1DCP, will be active from El Dorado, Panama (CQ Zone 7), in the CQWW DX CW Contest (26-27 November), as a Single-Op entry. QSL via EA5KB. [NG3K]

26/11/2011: Tomi, OH6EI, will be active from Riddarklint hill, Mariehamn, Aland Islands (IOTA EU-002, WFF OHFF-037, WLOTA 1373, CQ Zone 15) as OH0Z in the CQWW DX CW Contest (26-27 November) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via W0MM. [NG3K]

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SPECIAL EVENTS -

21/10/2011: Special callsign L90AA will be in use on 21-31 October 2011 to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the Radio Club Argentino (RCA), one of the oldest amateur radio societies in the world and IARU founding member in 1925. Look for activity on all bands and modes. QSL via LU4AA. [425 DX News]

21/10/2011: The Radio Club Havrais (F8KHN) will be active as TM2TJV on 24-30 October 2011 for the Transat Jacques Vabre, the yachting race on the coffee trading route between Le Havre (France) and Puerto Limon (Costa Rica). QSL via the bureau. [425 DX News]

28/10/2011: The Scout Member Amateur Radio Team (SMART) in the VK6 district has been given the special callsign, VI6CHOGM, to be active from 28-30 October 2011. Activity is to celebrate the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Perth, Western Australia (IOTA OC-001, WLOTA 1520), to discuss global and Commonwealth issues, and to agree on collective policies and initiatives. They plan to operate as much as possible from the Peter Hughes Scout Communications Centre in East Cannington, although other clubs may wish to book a period to operate from their club QTH. Activity will be on 80-6 metres using the World Scout Calling Frequencies, mostly on SSB, as well as PSK31 and SSTV. There may be some CW. QSL via the Bureau or direct (QRZ.com). Website: vi6chogm.com/ [ODPX Bulletin]

U.S.A. Special Events can be found at: www.arrl.org/special-event-stations

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LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

21/10-24/10 BA4DW/7: Weizhou Dao WLOTA:0088 QSL HC (d)
21/10-23/10 GB2HI: Hilbre Island WLOTA:2038 QSL M0OXO (d/b)
21/10-02/11 ZF2OE: Cayman Brac Island WLOTA:0667 QSL OE2WNL (b)
21/10-18/12? ZK2V: Niue Island WLOTA:2139 QSL N3SL (d/b)
22/10-29/10 DK3DUA/P: Usedom Island WLOTA:1640 QSL HC (d/b)
22/10-23/10 EG8FBN: Buenavista del Norte FEA:D-2833 WLOL:CAI-004 WLOTA:1276 QSL Auto Buro/EA8NQ (d)
22/10-05/11 HR9/AI5P: Isla de Roatan WLOTA:1671 QSL HC (d)
22/10 W7FLY: Camano Island WLOTA:2728 QSL WA7JT (d)
23/10-03/11 J45PO: Nisos Rodos WLOTA:0045 QSL ON4PO (d/b)
23/10-29/10 KH2KY: Guam Island WLOTA:0064 QSL JA1OZK (d)
23/10-30/10 MU/PA9M: Guernsey Island (main) WLOTA:0013 QSL HC (d/b)
24/10-31/10 EI8GQB: Ireland (main island) WLOTA:2484 QSL ON4EI (b)
25/10-29/10 CT9/DF3FS: Ilha da Madeira WLOTA:0053 QSL HC (d/b)
25/10-29/10 CT9/DF7ZS: Ilha da Madeira WLOTA:0053 QSL HC (d/b)
25/10-29/10 CT9/DL1QW: Ilha da Madeira WLOTA:0053 QSL HC (d/b)
25/10-29/10 CT9/DL5OCR: Ilha da Madeira WLOTA:0053 QSL HC (d/b)
25/10-29/10 CT9/DL8OBF: Ilha da Madeira WLOTA:0053 QSL HC (d/b)
25/10-29/10 CT9/EC8AFM: Ilha da Madeira WLOTA:0053 QSL HC (d/b)
25/10-01/11 FP/KV1E: Miquelon Island WLOTA:1417 QSL HC (d/b)
25/10-01/11 FP/KV1J: Miquelon Island WLOTA:1417 QSL HC (d/b)
25/10-30/10 P40A: Aruba Island WLOTA:0033 QSL WD9DZV (d/b)
25/10-08/11 PJ7J: Sint Maarten Island WLOTA:0711 QSL JA1BK (d/b)
25/10-08/11 PJ7NK: Sint Maarten Island WLOTA:0711 QSL DJ8NK (d/b)
25/10-08/11 PJ7X: Sint Maarten Island WLOTA:0711 QSL F6EXV (d/b)
26/10-02/11 J48CM: Nisos Thasos WLOTA:4186 QSL YU7CM (d/b)
26/10-02/11 J48OV: Nisos Thasos WLOTA:4186 QSL HA5OV (d/b)
26/10-30/10 P40P: Aruba Island WLOTA:0033 QSL W5AJ (d)
27/10-31/10 5B/HA5PP: Cyprus Island WLOTA:0051 QSL HC (d/b)
27/10-31/10 C6ARW: Grand Bahama Island WLOTA:0527 QSL N0HJZ (d)
27/10-31/10 NH0S: Saipan Island WLOTA:1333 QSL JF2SKV (d/b)
27/10-09/11 PJ4J: Bonaire Island WLOTA:1279 QSL ON4CIT (d/b)
28/10-04/11 8Q7SO: Ari Atoll WLOTA:0317 QSL JK1KSB (d/b)
28/10-30/10 TM5HT: Ile de Houat WLOTA:1105 QSL F5THW (d/b)
28/10-30/10 VI6CHOGM: Australia (main island) WLOTA:1520 QSL QRZ.com

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6 METRES & UP -

22/10-23/10 Arauc?ria VHF Contest 6&2m FM/SSB/CW 22 0000z-23 1600z
22/10-23/10 ARRL EME Contest 50-1296 MHz 22 0000z-23 2359z
22/10 SVHF Fall Microwave Sprint 0600-1200 EDT
22/10-23/10 W/VE Islands QSO Party 6m included 22 1600z-23 2359z
22/10-23/10 6V7Q: Senegal Grid:IK14LL 6m CW/SSB QSL F8IJV (d/b)
23/10-30/10 MU/PA9M: Guernsey EU-114 Grid:IN89RL 6m 100W Dipole
QSL HC (d/b)
25/10 LY 2.4G&Up Activity Contest CW/SSB/FM 1700z-2059z
25/10 NRAU Microwave Activity Contest 1700z-2100z
25/10 The 50MHz Open Cumulative 1800z-2200z
25/10 RSGB 50MHz UKAC 2000z-2230z
25/10-01/11 FP/KV1E: Miquelon Island NA-032 Grid:GN17 6m+Sat QSL HC (d/b)
25/10-01/11 FP/KV1J: Miquelon Island NA-032 Grid:GN17 6m+Sat QSL HC (d/b)
25/10-01/11 ZA/LZ2HM: Albania Grid:JN90RI 6-2m all modes QSL HC (d)
25/10-01/11 ZA20QA: Vlore, Albania Grid:JN90 6/2m all mode
QSL HA0NAR (d/b)
27/10-31/10 5B/HA5PP: Cyprus AS-004 Grid:KM65 6m activity QSL HC (d/b)
27/10-11/11 TU2T: Ivory Coast Grid:IJ85CE 50.105CW 50.105USB TU2T/B
50.105 100W 3el quad QSL I2YSB (d)/IK2CIO (b)

Contest Calendar: www.qsl.net/va3rj/con_oct.html

GOT6??? - Six Meter Information by Andy 'NEON' Sargent N8OFS at:
http://noars.net/got6/GOT6.txt (Updated 18 October, 2011)

Information about current VHF activities can be found on the VHF DX portal "Make More Miles on VHF" at: www.MMMonVHF.de/

SMIRK: www.smirk.org/
SOTA (Summits On The Air) Watch Alerts at: www.sotawatch.org/
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QSL INFORMATION -

QSLs via Bureau: None to report this week! :o(

QSLs via Direct: 5V7CC (DL9MBI), 8P9AA (VE3DZ), 9A2N (cba), 9K2HN (cba), FG5FR (cba), HH3/N3BNA (H/c), KL7RRC [NA-232] (N7RO), HS?ZCW (cba), RI1ANC (RN1ON), RI1FJ (UA2FM), ST?R (OQRS), SV1CQN (cba), VK6HD (cba), VP2MNK (DJ8NK) and YL2BJ (cba).

QSLs via LoTW: EA1DR, EA5AR, H7DX, HI3A, J39BS, JS8AJA, K7P, KH6MB, LU5FZ, NL7G, OK6DJ, PJ4LS, PY1KN, SM4OTI, UT7UJ, YJ?ABP, YN2GA and YO9HP.
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LINKS -
IOTA (Islands On The Air) at: www.rsgbiota.org/
WCA (World Castles on the Air) at: www.wca.qrz.ru/ENG/main.html
WFF (World Flora & Fauna) at: www.wff44.org/program/wff/
WLOTA (World Lighthouses On The Air at: www.wlota.com/
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BITS & PIECES -

From: Team Thunderbox teamthunderbox at fsmail.net (M0TBG / MX0TBG)
We will be setting up a portable station again between 22 October 2011, and 29th October 2011.
We would love to speak with as many of you as possible, if the conditions allow.
On 160/80 we will be using the trusty doublet again!
On 40m we wil be using "The big 'un" a homemade 2 element Monoband Cubical Quad.
On 20m we will be using the homemade 3 element Monoband Cubical Quad.

On 17m we shall use a 3 element homemade Monoband Yagi, and on 10m a 4 element homemade Monoband Cubical Quad.
We are also now on Facebook as Mxotbg TeamThunderbox, and will periodically update frequencies and times on there.
Hope to work some of you!
Kind regards.
Team Thunderbox
PS. Please add us as teamthunderbox on SKYPE.
www.mx0tbg.com/
http://www.youtube.com/user/teamthunderbox [Pete's-DX-Newsdesk]

EA6 - BALEARIC ISLANDS -
A Hungarian team including HA7PL Laci, HA6PJ Csaba, HA6PS Zsolt, HA7JJS Alex going to be active as EA6/home calls from 1 Nov. till 8 Nov. The main goal is take part in The HA QRP Contest (80 m cw only) with EA6/HA5RT but the operators will work on 80 to10 m, CW and SSB.
QSL info:
EA6/HA5RT - eQSL or direct
EA6/HA6PJ - eQSL or direct
EA6/HA6PS - eQSL or direct
EA6/HA7JJS - Bureau or direct
EA6/HA7PL - Bureau or direct
73 de Laci - HA0HW

PS5F - Santana de Fora Island (IOTA SA-088)
A team is being assembled by Fabio, PP5BZ to activate Santana de Fora SA-088 during early February 2012. PS5F hopes to operate 40-10m CW/SSB, possibly RTTY. Full details to follow. [dx-world.net]
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73 and Good DX!
Dave Raycroft, VA3RJ
Home of ICPO: http://www.qsl.net/va3rj/
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